

Amber Wright

From: James Vidacovich
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 3:37 PM
To: Kim Matherne
Cc: Sammy Guillory
Subject: FW: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

FYI

From: Disque, John (ACF) [mailto:John.Disque@ACF.hhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 3:22 PM
To: James Vidacovich
Subject: FW: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Here are all the emails re: Family Values Resource Institute, Jim.

Let me know what brews up from this in LA and I'll let you know how our concern shapes up (if at all).

John

From: McDowell, Larry (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:33 AM
To: Disque, John (ACF)
Subject: FW: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

FYI

Larry D. McDowell
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From: Patel, Nisha (ACF)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:11 AM
To: List, Deborah (ACF)
Cc: Golonka, Susan (ACF); McDowell, Larry (ACF)
Subject: RE: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Looks good. You can send forward to OLAB. I think it was a good idea to provide the state contact, as they will be more appropriate to address the follow-up questions that it seems likely will arise. Thanks!

Nisha Patel

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From: List, Deborah (ACF)

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 10:41 AM

To: Patel, Nisha (ACF)

Cc: Golonka, Susan (ACF); McDowell, Larry (ACF)

Subject: RE: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Nisha,

Larry and I propose the following response:

Background

TANF provides a fixed annual block grant of about \$16.5 billion to states, territories, and Washington, DC. Each state's block grant (or State Family Assistance Grant) is equal to its peak expenditures on AFDC-related programs between FY 1992 and FY 1995; the amount is fixed and has not changed since TANF's inception.

In order to receive its full federal block grant, states must meet a Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) requirement, which means they must maintain state expenditures for "eligible families" to receive benefits and services related to TANF purposes in an amount equal to at least 80 percent of state spending in FY 1994 for AFDC programs related to cash assistance, emergency assistance, job training, and child care (about \$11.1 billion). This amount is reduced to 75 percent (about \$10.4 billion) if a state meets its work participation rates.

TANF funds monthly cash assistance payments to low-income families with children, as well as a wide range of services that are "reasonably calculated" to address the program's four broad purposes. These are to:

- (1) provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
- (2) end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
- (3) prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and
- (4) encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

States have broad flexibility to design and implement programs, including determinations on the type and amount of assistance payments, the range of services to be provided, the rules for determining who is eligible for benefits, and issue sub-awards to local organizations.

Questions

- (1) The grant to the Family Value Resource Institute is from the state of Louisiana, and is not directly from HHS. Louisiana can use its TANF block grant to fund local organizations as long as those organizations are carrying out a program that meets one of the TANF purposes. In order to receive its full federal block grant of \$163,971,985 annually, Louisiana must meet a Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) requirement. A breakdown of how Louisiana reported spending its TANF and MOE funds in FY 2014 can be found here: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/tanf-and-moe-2014>.
- (2) HHS has not played any role in the funding level for the Family Value Resource Institute. The TANF block grant funding for Louisiana, as with all states, has stayed constant.
- (3) Yes, as noted above, states have broad flexibility to design and implement programs, including determinations on the type and amount of assistance payments, the range of services to be provided, the rules for determining who is eligible for benefits, and issue sub-awards to local organizations.

Contact for Further Information

For futher information regarding your questions we recommend that you contact:

Mr. James Vidacovich, Louisiana TANF Director, Office of Economic Stability
Telephone: (225) 342-0495
Email: james.vidacovich@la.gov

Thanks,
Deborah

From: Patel, Nisha (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Golonka, Susan (ACF); List, Deborah (ACF); McDowell, Larry (ACF)
Subject: FW: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry
Importance: High

I'm adding Larry, as this is a request from Louisiana. They really should be directing these questions to the state, as this organization is not our grantee, but let's try and be helpful in answering them. Please send me a draft set of responses for review.

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From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 3:05 PM
To: List, Deborah (ACF); Golonka, Susan (ACF); Patel, Nisha (ACF)
Cc: Lee, Katherine (ACF)
Subject: RE: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

And they do have more questions. His counsel just sent me these:

To clarify his current questions, which we believe HHS, as the federal funding agency, should be able to answer in regarding the grant parameters:

1. Is there a State match associated with this particular grant, required by HHS/USG, in order to qualify for the grant funds?
2. Has the HHS made changes to the level of funding associated with this grant?
3. Lastly, does the federal funding allow the State to modify the recipients and/or allocation of the funding?

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From: List, Deborah (ACF)
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Logan, Scott (ACF); Golonka, Susan (ACF); Patel, Nisha (ACF)
Cc: Lee, Katherine (ACF)
Subject: RE: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Scott,

This is not a direct grantee. Please let us know if you have further questions.

Thanks!

Deborah

From: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:01 AM
To: List, Deborah (ACF); Golonka, Susan (ACF); Patel, Nisha (ACF)
Cc: Lee, Katherine (ACF)
Subject: FW: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Good morning,

Please see the email from Sen. Vitter's office below. Would OFA please check to see if this is a direct grantee of OFA?

Thanks,
Scott

From: Wimberly, Taylor (Vitter) [mailto:Taylor_Wimberly@vitter.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 10:57 AM

To: Logan, Scott (ACF)
Subject: RE: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Mr. Logan,

I have copied below all of the information I have regarding my grant inquiry.

Provider/Contractor: Family Value Resource Institute

Federal Employee Tax ID: 721415039-00

CFDA Title and Number: TANF 93.558

Award Name, Number, Year: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families G-102 LA TANF 2012

Federal Agency: Department of Health and Human Services-Administration for Children and Families

Termination date: 02/29/16

Reference number: 2000128942

Vendor: Family Value Resource Network

Description: Alternatives to Abortion

Approved by: Elizabeth Kunjappy

Approval date: 10/26/15

Thank you,

Taylor Wimberly
Legislative Correspondent
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From: Logan, Scott (ACF) [<mailto:scott.logan@acf.hhs.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 10:54 AM

To: Wimberly, Taylor (Vitter)

Subject: RE: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Dear Ms. Wimberly,

Would you please clarify the name of the grant they were receiving? The only grants my agency provides related to such issues are abstinence education grants. I searched in our HHS grants system and do not find a grantee by the name of Family Values Resource Institute. Is there another name the grantee may use for applications?

Thank you,
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From: Wimberly, Taylor (Vitter) [mailto:Taylor_Wimberly@vitter.senate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 9:38 AM

To: Logan, Scott (ACF)

Subject: Federal Grant #1000076804 Inquiry

Mr. Logan,

My name is Taylor Wimberly, and I am a Legislative Correspondent in Senator Vitter's office. I'm contacting you in regards to Federal Grant #1000076804 awarded to the Family Values Resource Institute for funding for abortion alternative services. In particular, I would like to know if there is an unmet state match. Any information that you can provide to me about how this particular grant works would be helpful. If you could either email me back or give me a call at 202-224-4623, I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

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